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SUBJECT: FOOD CHAIN X PLANNING

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM DAS SULLIVAN

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(B) TAIPEI 5025

1. IN VIEW OF UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE PACE OF DEVELOPMENTS
IN OUR CHINA POLICY, DEPT. IS STILL UNABLE TO FORESEE
WITH ANY DEGREE OF CERTAINTY WHAT TYPE OF FOOD CHAIN EX-
ERCISE MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE IN THE SPRING OF 1979. AS THE
ROC WILL INDEED READ MUCH INTO THE TYPE OF PLANNING FOR
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NEXT YEAR WE ARE PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN NOW, DEPT. BELIEVES
THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT NO DISCUSSIONS ON FOOD CHAIN X
BE HELD WITH THE ROC UNTIL STATE AND DEFENSE HAVE CONCURRED
JOINTLY IN THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE PROPOSED EXERCISE.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT THE MOST USEFUL MEANS OF PROCEEDING
WOULD BE FOR TDC AND EMBASSY TO PROVIDE BY EARLY OCTOBER

A PROPOSED EXERCISE SCENARIO FOR STATE AND DEFENSE CONSIDERATION.

3. FOR MISSION'S IN-HOUSE PLANNING PURPOSES, THE MOST THAT THE DEPT. CAN STATE WITH SOME CERTAINTY IS THAT THE SCALE

AND VISIBILITY OF FOOD CHAIN EXERCISE NEXT SPRING SHOULD BE LESS THAN FOOD CHAIN IX. IN KEEPING WITH THE REDUCED SCALE, THE NUMBER OF U.S. PARTICIPANTS, ON-AND-OFF-ISLAND, SHOULD BE REDUCED AND THERE SHOULD BE NO OFF-ISLAND FLAG RANK PARTICIPATION. CHRISTOPHER

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